

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 12-17 and 19 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 18, 20 and 21 are canceled, and claims 1, 2 and 13 are amended. Reconsideration based on the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. Pending Claims 1-7, 12-17 and 19 Satisfy the Requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

The Office Action rejects claims 1-7 and 12-21 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for various informalities. Claims 18, 20 and 21 have been canceled, and claims 1, 2 and 13 have been amended to obviate the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection of pending claims 1-7, 12-17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, is respectfully requested.

II. Pending Claims 1-7, 12-17 and 19 Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-7 and 12-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,046,543 to Bulovic et al. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Bulovic does not teach or suggest an organic electroluminescent element comprising, inter alia, a first electrode layer, a second electrode layer and an organic luminous layer forming a cumulate body with a flat surface, at least one of the first and second electrode layers having slopes that are arranged substantially around the flat surface, as set forth in independent claims 1, 2 and 13. This feature is shown at least in Figs. 2, 3, 4 and 6, and is described in the corresponding portion of the specification.

Further, Bolovic fails to teach or suggest "the slopes being formed on rim sides of a pixel" recited in independent claim 2. Instead, Bolovic, in Figs. 3A-3E and 4A-4C, teaches slopes being formed in a center portion of the pixel area.

Thus, for at least the reasons discussed above, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 2 and 13 are patentable over the applied reference. Claims 3-7, 12, 14-17 and 19, which depend from independent claims 2 and 13, respectively, are likewise patentable over the applied reference for at least the reasons discussed above. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-7, 12-17 and 19 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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